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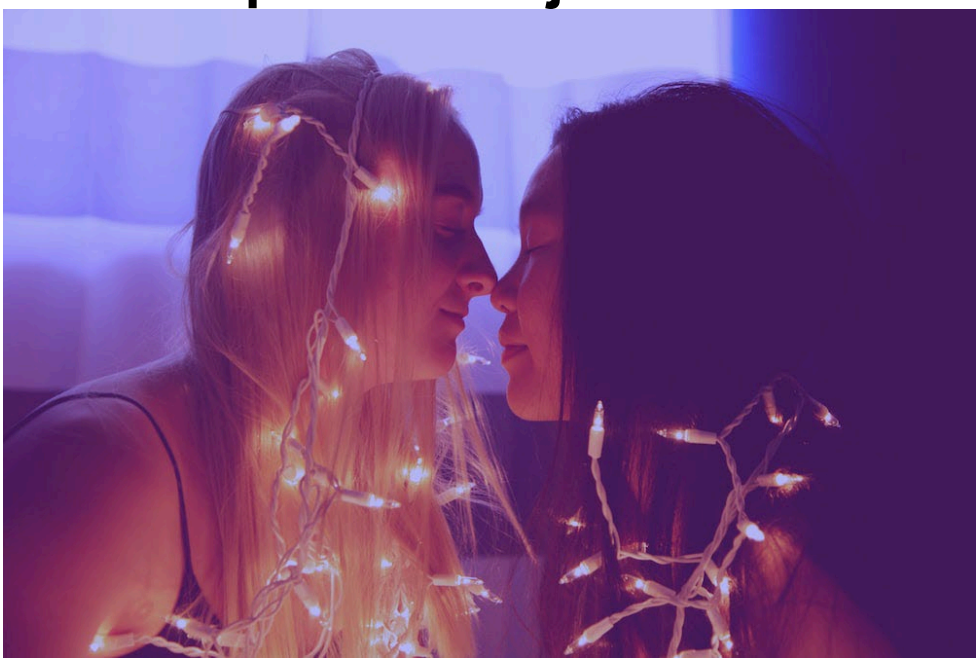

August 6, 2023
10:00 am

Face to Face
Hiroshima Day of Rememberance

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — ***Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud** — **JOSHUA CATANIA**

"The Old Rugged Cross"
George Bennard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — **MARTY KLEINO**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **Today—the first Sunday of the month--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in this month by singing "Happy Birthday." Birthdays this month include Nancy Rohde and Rick Sherwood.**
- **Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner,** Zoom Host, will introduce folks participating in worship.
- Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved community.
- **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service. Please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing!**
- Please submit written announcements to by e-mail to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"There Is Room for All"
76 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive — **MARTY KLEINO**

Leader: Jesus said, "Come, follow me."

People: I said, "I am not good enough, Jesus."

Leader: Jesus said, "Come, follow me."

People: I said, "I cannot find my way."

Leader: Jesus said, "I love you and will show you the way."

People: I said, "By God's grace, I will follow."

HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Dear God, Embracing Humankind"
502 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

READING **Matthew 14:13-14** **MARGARET HARNER**

"Jesus and the Powers"

MARTY KLEINO & ANNE MARIE NICOLL-TURNER

A communion prayer written for **Grace, a church in London, UK.**
From **Re-Imagining Worship** (liturgies in the context of empire). A project of the Council for World Mission https://reimaginingworship.com/a-communion-prayer-jesus-and-the-powers/
Project Coordinator: **Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes**, Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Thank you, Jesus, for your incredible life.
You announced a new kin-dom at the margins of the world, an offensive against the strongholds of oppression, and the dawn of liberation.

You made a way in the wilderness.

You proclaimed good news, brought healing and deliverance,
lived a life of nonviolent confrontation with the powers.

You restored social wholeness to the sick and afflicted.
You tore down the boundaries of tribe, gender, skin tone, religion, disability, and ill health. You overturned the dynamics of status and honor to make way for the outcast Jew and alien gentile.

With you there is no male or female, slave or free, Jew or gentile.

Patriarchy, slavery, and racism have no place in your kin-dom.
All are made in God's image. All are welcome.
All are included in your "last as first" revolution.

Almost every ruling faction in society opposed you.
Your resistance was through loving enemies,
non-violence,
story telling,
truth telling,
meals with the wrong people,
refusing to live under the domination of the powers and their way of ordering life.

You chose love and not fear, pursuing kin-dom practice even at the cost of death.
Ultimately, they did put you to death.
You were lynched and hung on a tree.

In a great mystery and a great reversal, you overcame the powers on the cross.
Three days later you were raised from death,
a sign that the powers have been defeated,
a sign of hope,
a sign of a future where all will be well.

You shattered the powers' reign of death in history.

When we forget, help us remember.
When we are blind, help us see.
When we are deaf, help us hear.
When we despair and are overwhelmed, send your Spirit to comfort us.

You call us to a conversion of heart,
to turn away from empire, its seductions and iniquity.
This is not a call out of the world, but into an alternative social practice,
a community of resistance and healing,
gathering in homes and around the table with you.

You have given us a meal to remember you by a meal to remember the ending of slavery
and deliverance from the power of Pharaoh's dream;
a meal in which you broke bread and drank wine –
and told us to remember you,
the establishment of a new relationship with God.

May our homes and our tables be open,
May they not have rigid boundaries.
May this table and this home today be such a place.
May we live from love and not fear.

Use this moment of silence to offer your own prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table"

African-American Spiritual from UCC General Synod 19 or 20

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

COMMUNION PRAYER *Unison with microphone muted **ANNE MARIE**

Loving Jesus, we break bread and drink wine now to celebrate your life, death, and resurrection. We look for the day when all hatred, all oppression, and all domination is ended. When we will be free at last, and your kin-dom comes. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION ELEMENTS **ANNE MARIE**

We share the bread, remembering Jesus died, was resurrected, and calls us to new life.
We will now partake of the bread.

We share the cup proclaiming our commitment to the life and work to which God calls each of us.
We will now partake of the beverage.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Unison with microphone muted **ANNE MARIE**

Let us pray-

Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring love and justice to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's essence in all of us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

HYMN *microphones muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Clap Your Hands"
49 SING

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines) **MARTY**

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **MARTY**

Dear God, we know that you have heard our prayers and we ask that the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with us today and every day. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ and together we will say the Disciples' Prayer printed in our bulletin.

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **MARTY**

We are amazed, Jesus, that you call people like us to do work like yours.
Forgive our arrogance when we ignore you or refuse to ask for help.
May this time of worship and this community of faith equip us to live our discipleship.
Grant us the wisdom and courage to be your neighbor in the world. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **MARTY**

As we received, so may we give. Our morning offerings will now be received.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Checks can be mailed to:
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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Blessed Assurance"** **JOSHUA CANTANIA**

Fanny Crosby

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v 2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief***.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **ANNE MARIE**

With these gifts, we seek to be like you: creating a world where love is known.
Sharing the goodness of beauty and kindness,
And blessing our neighbors with our faith in action.
Bless these gifts and may they be a sign of our co-creating
ministry in your name. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Dakota Hymn (Lacquiparle)"
13 ES

BENEDICTION **ANNE MARIE**

Friends, go from here knowing you are loved.
Go from here knowing that amidst all of life's uncertainties,
God's love for you is constant and unchanging. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"It Is Well with My Soul"** **JOSHUS CANTANIA**
Philip Paul Bliss

PASSING THE PEACE ***Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

***Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Cantania, Accompanist
Marty Kleino & Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner, leading worship
Jenn Zibbell, MID

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- **Invitation to Offering, Prayer of Dedication:** Wendy MacLean in *GatheringsWorship.ca*
- **Benediction:** Susan Ivany, in *GatheringWorship.ca*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Marty Kleino, Congregational Life Coordinator at 734-262-1419.

Worship Next Week: Zoom Host, Melanie Harner; Worship Leader, Ivan Harner. Bring the Messasge, Rev. Jay Cummings.

Looking Ahead: August 27th, Rev. John Rohde

Communion Liturgy used in today's service: From **Re-Imagining Worship** (liturgies in the context of empire). A project of the Council for World Mission https://reimaginingworship.com/a-communion-prayer-jesus-and-the-powers/

- To create alternative liturgical resources defying the logic of empire;
- To organize four workshops to develop life affirming liturgies;
- To develop a network of Liturgists from the margins;
- To build the capacity of the local congregations to develop and use alternative worship model.

Re-Imagining Worship Project of Council for World Mission.
It is the answer to a long-held dream of the Council for World Mission (CWM). When CWM decided to name Empire as the context of mission, we agreed that we should develop worship material to enable and support the people of God to offer this "most selfless emotion" to God in the context of Empire. We said then that dispassionate, lifeless and disinterested words will not embolden faith, expose false power and embrace the, with unmistakable and uncompromising clarity and devotion, the God of faithfulness and justice. This Project initiated with four workshops in Manila, Johannesburg, Kingston and Sicily.

There were about 120 Christian Pastors, students, scholars, artists and activists from more than 50 countries representing different Christian traditions, got together to learn how to worship God of Justice where people are suffering with violence, hunger, injustices and various forms of death.
Its content reflects the deep struggle and search of the people of God to find meaning in "Unexpected Places". More importantly, the writers cause us to see the inextricable intertwining of worship with all

of life. Here they present worship as wrestling with God in defiant determination, bearing their heart and soul in these litanies of lament, protest and praise; and confessing their allegiance to God and God alone. The songs and prayers in this volume are meant to inspire "the eyes of the heart" of the worshipping community to be "enlightened" (Eph. 1: 18, NIV); to deepen our faith in the God of life; and to fortify our spirits for renewed commitment to justice and peace as the lived expression of worship.
We are seeking to create alternative liturgical resources defying the logic of empire, build capacity of local congregations to develop and use life affirming Worship Resources, develop a network of Liturgists, Pastors, Scholars, Students, Artists, and activists and organise a global liturgical solidarity based on local religious rituals, liturgies and performances.
Through a process of engagement with real life situations a group of worshippers, students and leaders of worship spent time in contexts where people live in poverty and hopelessness; listened to stories of suffering and pain; contemplated the presence of God and the meaning of hope; and out of that incarnational experience, developed worship material to express true feelings of discontent with the world and conversation with God. This is true worship, the kind that springs from the bowels of discontent; anchors faith in the God of the risen Jesus; and calls forth commitment to resistance and transformative praxis.

We invite you to use these prayers / rituals /liturgies in your local congregations and also share your work with us. Our goal is to create a vast collection of resources that anyone around the world can use.

I like to express our gratitude and thanks to Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes, Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and my colleague Sudipta Singh for spearheading the project. I celebrate this long-awaited platform and commend it as a resource to further enhance our understanding and enrich our worship.

Collin Cowan, General Secretary
Council for World Mission

Relaunch of the Tea for the Soul from Rev. Dan: He reports the ministry with night staff at St. Jos Hosp is going well. He served 85 staff members this week. The animal crackers were a terrific hit, as it brought back really good memories for some of the staff.

As you may have heard on the news, Trinity Health Ann Arbor (St. Joe's) is suffering on its budget, due to a major gap in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement. This is a national issue affecting all Michigan hospitals. (Dan's) *department has no funds currently available for such things as supplies. So .... that makes your donations extremely helpful.*

Current needs include:

- Coffee
- Snacks

If we provide more Ypsi UCC stickers, Dan will place one on each cup.

Contact Marty (734-262-1419) who will make arrangements to get our contributions to Dan.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night challplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee (locally roasted by Michigan companies,) tea, single packaged candy/snacks and other things that accompany tea. Contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com.

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

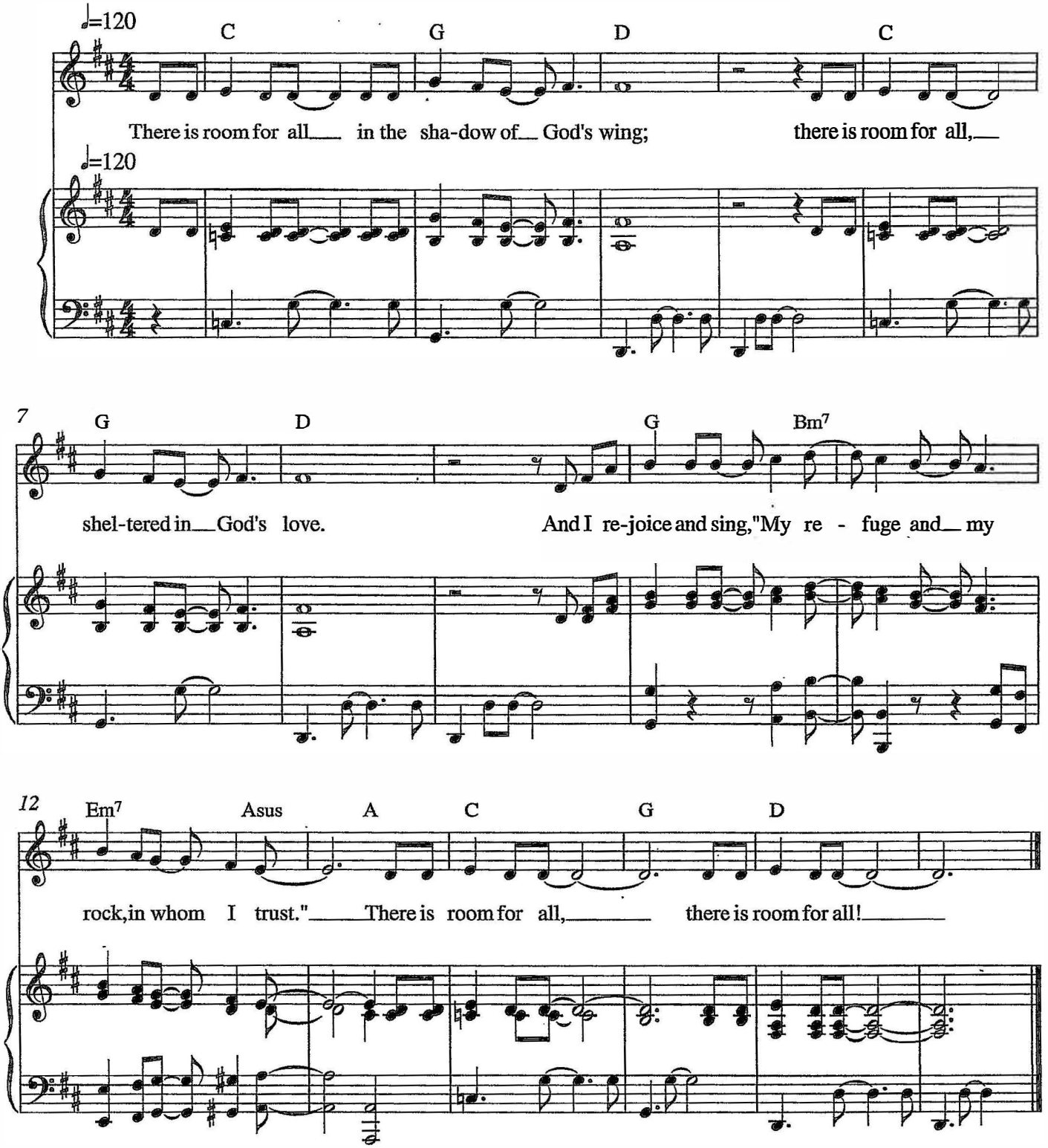
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

There Is Room for All

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C G D C
There is room for all in the sha-dow of God's wing; there is room for all,
♩=120
7
G D G Bm7
shel-tered in God's love. And I re-joice and sing,"My re - fuge and my
12
Em7 Asus A C G D
rock,in whom I trust." There is room for all, there is room for all!

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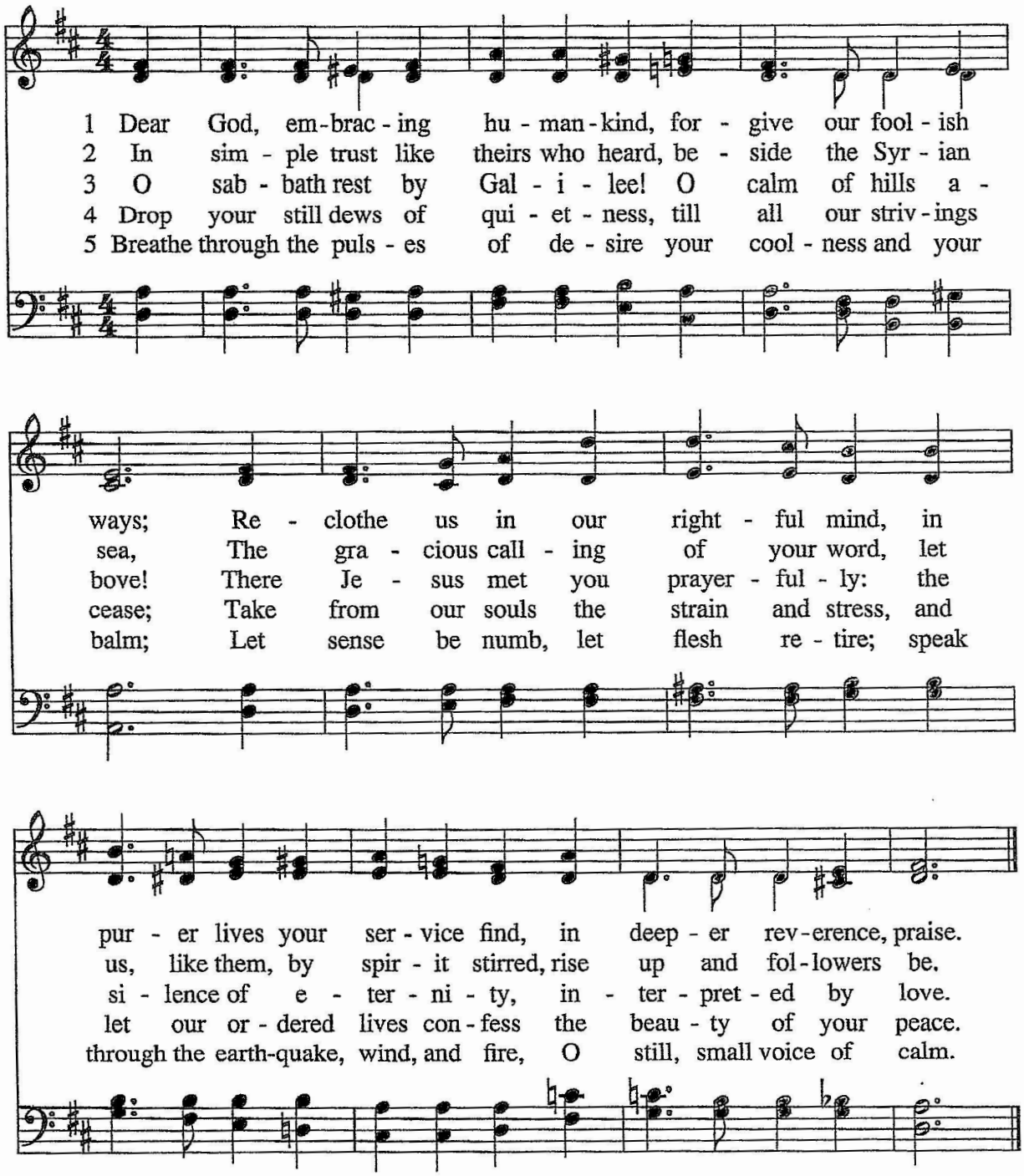
Dear God, Embracing Humankind 502

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt. *Mark 1:16–20; Matt. 14:22–23; 1 Kings 19:11–12*

1 Dear God, em-brac-ing hu-man-kind, for-give our fool-ish
2 In sim-ple trust like theirs who heard, be-side the Syr-ian
3 O sab-bath rest by Gal-i-lee! O calm of hills a-
4 Drop your still dews of qui-et-ness, till all our striv-ings
5 Breathe through the puls-es of de-sire your cool-ness and your
ways; Re-clothe us in our right-ful mind, in
sea, The gra-cious call-ing of your word, let
bove! There Je-sus met you prayer-ful-ly: the
cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and
balm; Let sense be numb, let flesh re-tire; speak
pur-er lives your ser-vice find, in deep-er rev-erence, praise.
us, like them, by spir-it stirred, rise up and fol-lowers be.
si-lence of e-ter-ni-ty, in-ter-pret-ed by love.
let our or-dered lives con-fess the beau-ty of your peace.
through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

In his poem "The Brewing of Soma," New England poet John Greenleaf Whittier compares frenzied ecstasies of a sect of Hindu priests to the noisy Christian revivals he found so offensive. This hymn of quiet worship is from the final stanzas.

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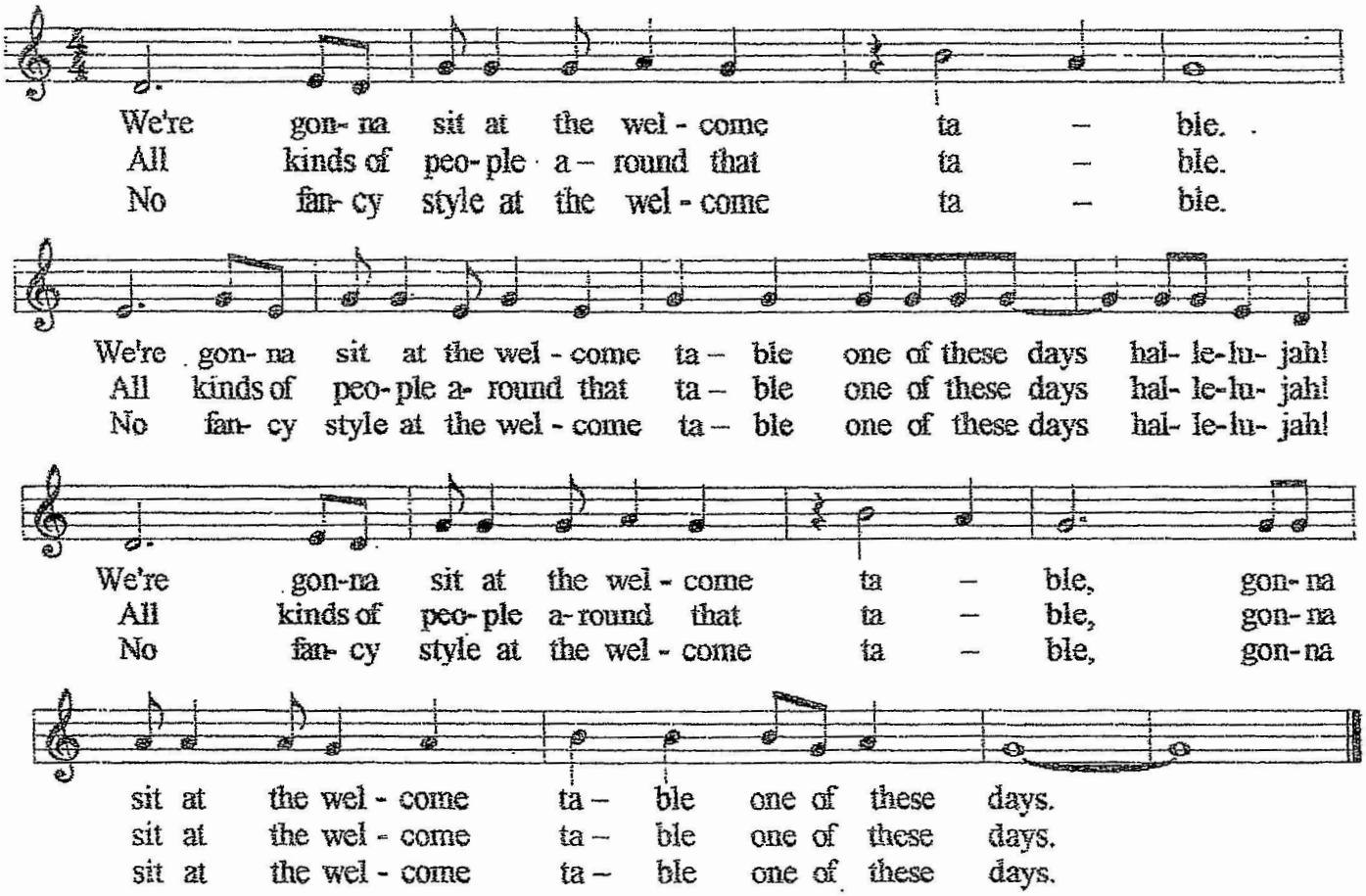
Frederick C. Maker, 1887
Alternate tune: REPTON
(repeating last phrase)

We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table


We're gon- na sit at the wel - come ta – ble.
All kinds of peo- ple a – round that ta – ble.
No fan- cy style at the wel - come ta – ble.
We're gon- na sit at the wel - come ta – ble one of these days hal- le-lu- jah!
All kinds of peo- ple a- round that ta – ble one of these days hal- le-lu- jah!
No fan- cy style at the wel - come ta – ble one of these days hal- le-lu- jah!
We're gon-na sit at the wel - come ta – ble, gon- na
All kinds of peo- ple a-round that ta – ble, gon- na
No fan- cy style at the wel - come ta – ble, gon- na
sit at the wel - come ta – ble one of these days.
sit at the wel - come ta – ble one of these days.
sit at the wel - come ta – ble one of these days.

This song is an adaptation of the African American Spiritual/ Gospel of the same title. Sung originally by slaves, *The Welcome Table* refers to being in Heaven. It became popular again during the civil rights movement and particularly alludes to the sit-in protests at lunch counters in public facilities where Black people were refused service. In 1964 it became part of a play written by students of the McComb Mississipps, Freedom School. In that play additional verses were added specifically for the lunch counter sit-ins- *I'm gonna get my civil rights* and *I'm gonna sit a the Woolworth counter.* Throughout time many verses have been added as circumstances changed.

In McComb a group of young teenagers organized a program to help older African Americans learn how to complete voter registration cards, and all across the state, young, black Freedom School students conducted sit-ins at local libraries, restaurants, and department stores to test the newly passed Civil Rights Act of 1964. Many of these developing leaders helped guide the direction of local protests after the outside volunteers left the state at the conclusion of Freedom Summer.

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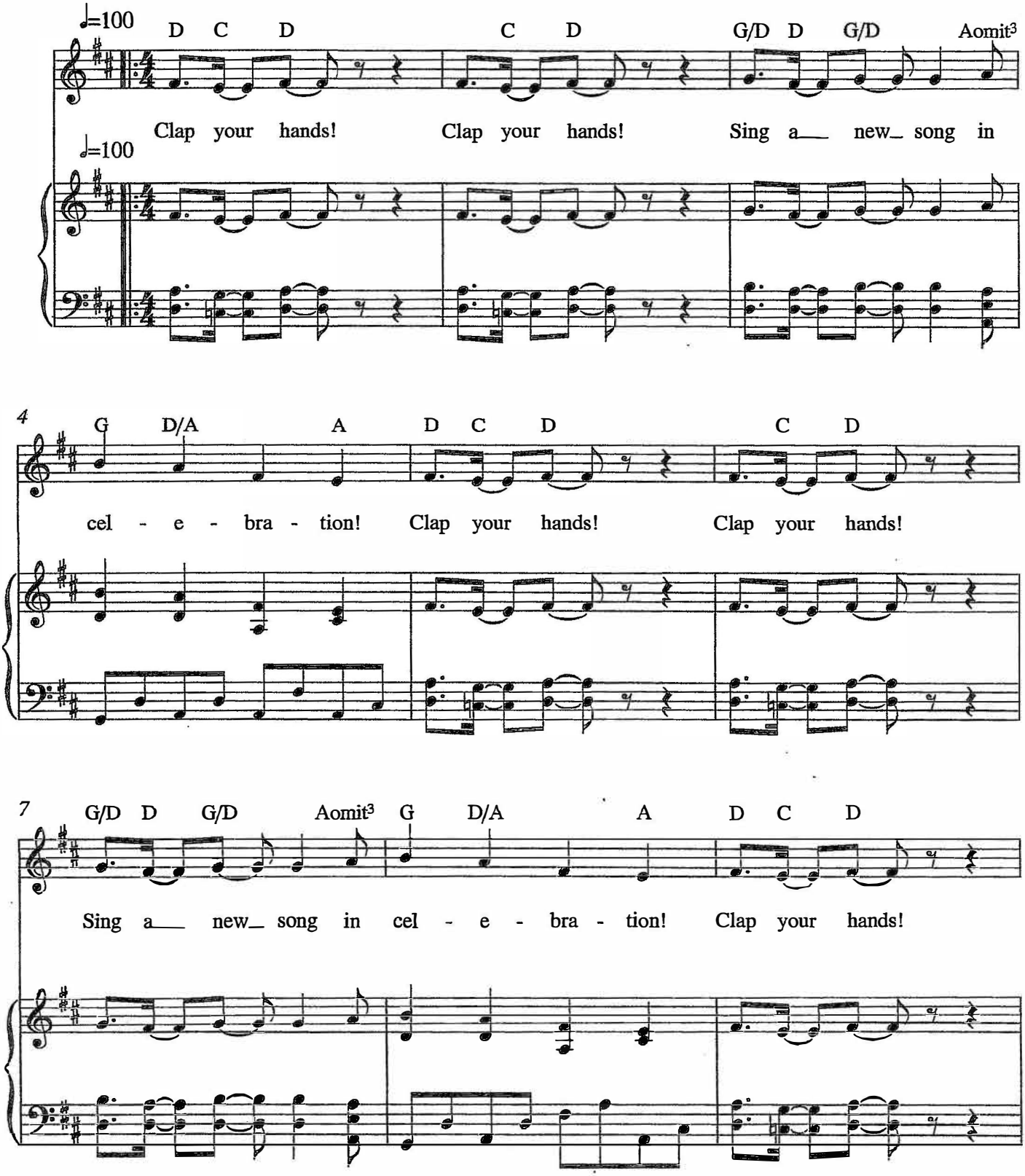
Clap Your Hands

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D C D C D G/D D G/D Aomit3
Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in
♩=100
4
G D/A A D C D C D
cel - e - bra - tion! Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
7
G/D D G/D Aomit3 G D/A A D C D
Sing a new song in cel - e - bra - tion! Clap your hands!

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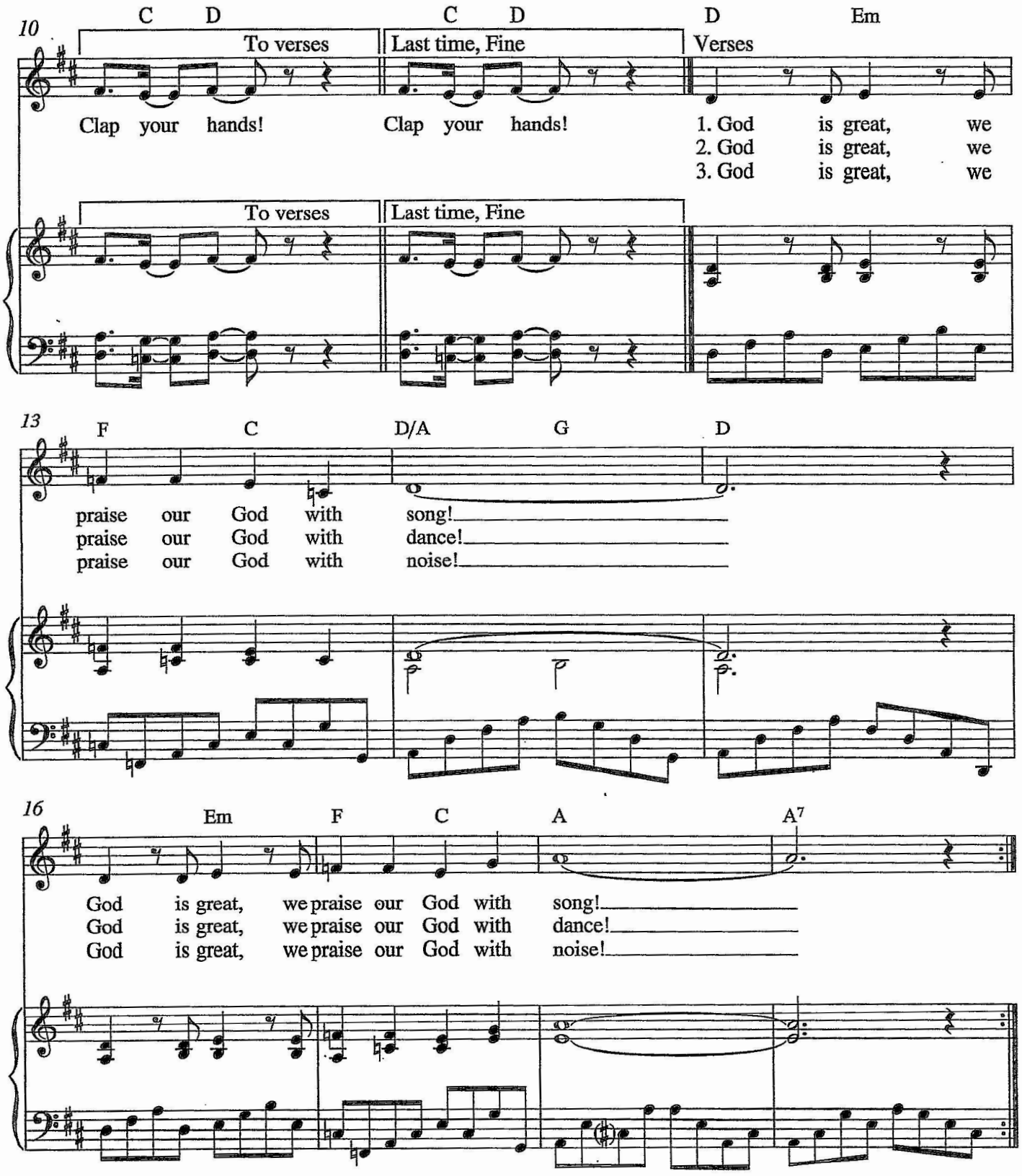
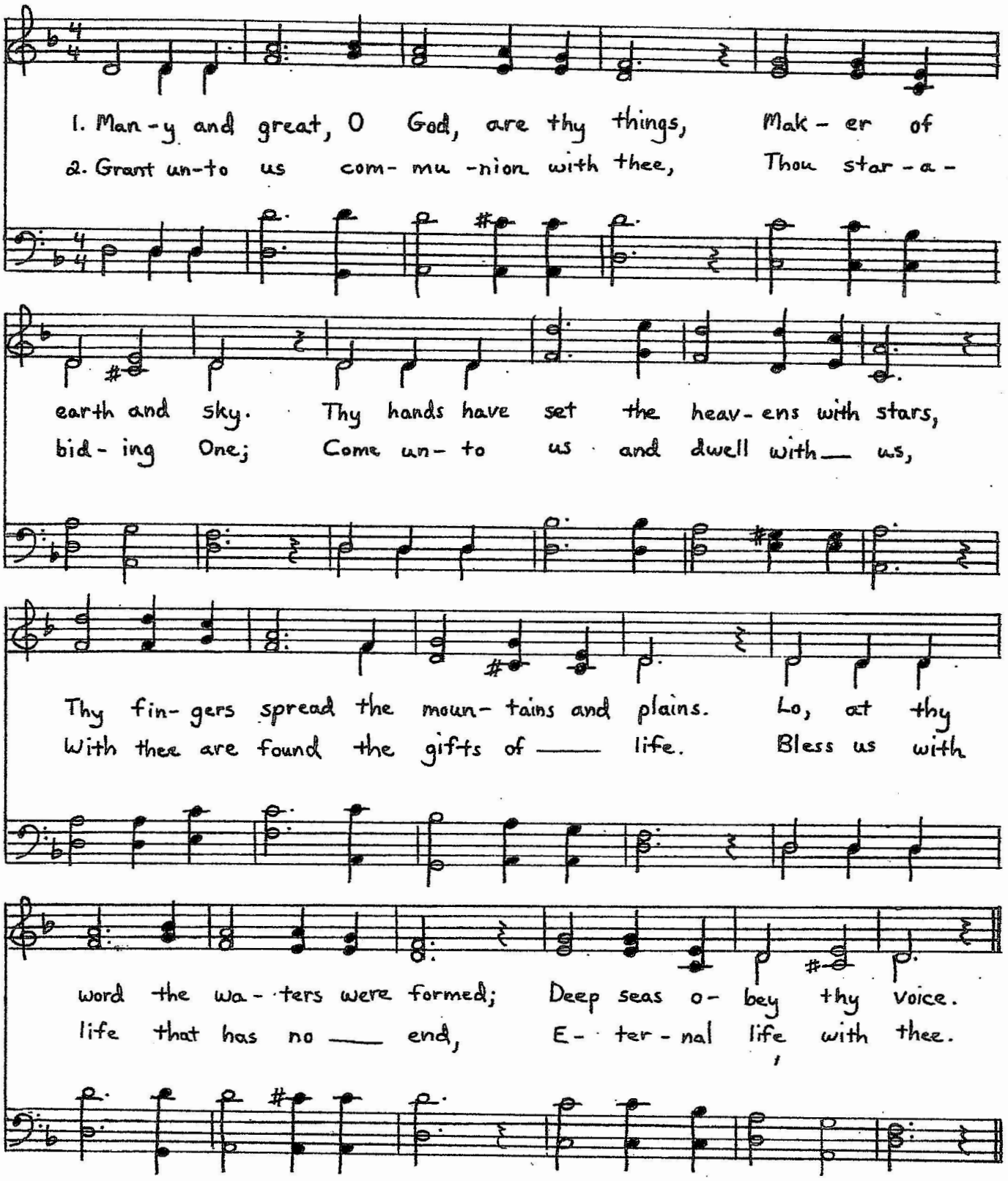

10
C D
To verses
Clap your hands!
C D
Last time, Fine
Clap your hands!
D Em
Verses
1. God is great, we
2. God is great, we
3. God is great, we
13
F C D/A G D
praise our God with song!
praise our God with dance!
praise our God with noise!
16
Em F C A A7
God is great, we praise our God with song!
God is great, we praise our God with dance!
God is great, we praise our God with noise!

Dakota Hymn
(Lacquiparle)

Paraphrased by Philip Frazier of the Dakotas

American Indian melody

Majestically


1. Man-y and great, O God, are thy things, Mak-er of
2. Grant un-to us com-mu-nion with thee, Thou star-a-
earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heav-ens with stars,
bid-ing One; Come un-to us and dwell with— us,
Thy fin-gers spread the moun-tains and plains. Lo, at thy
With thee are found the gifts of —— life. Bless us with
word the wa-ters were formed; Deep seas o-bey thy voice.
life that has no —— end, E-ter-nal life with thee.

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